

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (previously presented) A storage library, comprising:
 - at least one array of storage cells;
 - at least one guide rail running along the storage cells;
 - at least one robot coupled to the guide rail, wherein the robot moves along the guide rail and can manipulate objects within the storage cells;
 - at least one power source that supplies power to the robot; and
 - at least one controller that controls the movement of the robot;
 - wherein the robot receives uninterrupted power and control signals from the power source and controller directly through the guide rail, exclusive of other components in the library;
 - wherein the guide rail forms a path that takes the robot out of the line of sight of the controller, while maintaining uninterrupted power and control signals to the robot.
2. (original) The storage library according to claim 1, further comprising an enclosure.
3. (original) The storage library according to claim 1, further comprising a plurality of enclosures containing storage cell arrays, wherein a plurality of guide rails connect the plurality of enclosures, and wherein the robot receives uninterrupted power and control signals from the power source and controller directly through the guide rails, exclusive of other components in the library.

4. (original) The storage library according to claim 1, wherein the storage cell array and guide rails are mounted on a wall.

5. (original) The storage library according to claim 1, further comprising a plurality of robots.

6. (original) The storage library according to claim 1, further comprising a plurality of guide rails.

7. (previously presented) A storage library, comprising:
a plurality of enclosures, wherein the enclosures contain storage cell arrays and robots coupled to guide rails, wherein the robots can manipulate objects within the storage cells, and wherein the guide rails run along the storage cell arrays and connect the enclosures;
at least one power source that supplies power to the robots; and
at least one controller that controls the movement of the robots;
wherein the robots receive uninterrupted power and control signals from the power source and controller directly through the guide rails, exclusive of other components in the library;
wherein the guide rails form paths that take the robots out of the line of sight of the controller, while maintaining uninterrupted power and control signals to the robots.

8. (previously presented) The storage library according to claim 1, further comprising:

a plurality of arrays of storage cells contained within a plurality of enclosures connected together to form a storage library system; a plurality of sets of guide rails running along the storage cells, wherein the plurality of sets of guide rails are interconnected within the plurality of enclosures to form an interconnected path through the library system that takes the robot out of the line of sight of the controller.

9. (new) A storage library, comprising:

an array of storage cells; a guide rail running along the storage cells, said guide rail comprising a single track; a robot operably attached to the guide rail at the track, wherein the robot moves along the guide rail and can manipulate objects within the storage cells; a power source that supplies power to the robot; and a controller that controls the movement of the robot; wherein the robot receives power from the power source and receives control signals from the controller through the track, exclusive of other components in the library.

10. (new) The storage library according to claim 9, further comprising an enclosure.

11. (new) The storage library according to claim 9, further comprising a plurality of enclosures containing storage cell arrays, wherein a plurality of guide rails having a plurality of single tracks connect the plurality of enclosures, and wherein the robot receives uninterrupted power and control signals from the power source and controller directly through the guide rails tracks, exclusive of other components in the library.

12. (new) The storage library according to claim 9, wherein the storage cell array and guide rails are mounted on a wall.

13. (new) The storage library according to claim 9, further comprising a plurality of robots.

14. (new) The storage library according to claim 9, further comprising a plurality of guide rails.

15. (new) A storage library, comprising:
an array of storage cells;
a guide rail running along the storage cells, said guide rail consisting of a single track;

a robot operably attached to the guide rail at the track, wherein the robot moves along the guide rail and can manipulate objects within the storage cells;

a power source that supplies power to the robot; and

a controller that controls the movement of the robot;

wherein the robot receives power from the power source and receives control signals from the controller through the track, exclusive of other components in the library.

16. (new) The storage library according to claim 15, further comprising an enclosure.

17. (new) The storage library according to claim 15, further comprising a plurality of enclosures containing storage cell arrays, wherein a plurality of guide rails having a plurality of single tracks connect the plurality of enclosures, and wherein the robot receives uninterrupted power and control signals from the power source and controller directly through the guide rails tracks, exclusive of other components in the library.

18. (new) The storage library according to claim 15, wherein the storage cell array and guide rails are mounted on a wall.

19. (new) The storage library according to claim 15, further comprising a plurality of robots.

20. (new) The storage library according to claim 15, further comprising a plurality of guide rails.